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Faronics Deep Freeze Added To Novell Open Workgroup Suite

SAN RAMON, CA, September 23, 2008 — Small businesses now have one more compelling reason to choose Novell Open Workgroup Suite Small Business Edition as their featured desktop-to-server solution—Faronics Deep Freeze’s bulletproof system protection has now been added to the suite’s Installer Toolkit. Small businesses that deploy Novell’s suite designed for small business productivity can now easily experience the benefits of absolute protection and configuration drift prevention that Deep Freeze can bring to their desktop computers. Users enjoy a pristine and unrestricted computing experience, while IT personnel are freed from tedious helpdesk requests.

Novell Open Workgroup Suite Small Business Edition is a Linux-based desktop-to-server solution tailored to meet the needs of small businesses. The Installer Toolkit for Novell Open Workgroup Suite Small Business Edition streamlines the installation of applications by packaging complex multi-step installers into simple easy-to-deploy components. Third-party applications such as Deep Freeze that have been added to the Installer Toolkit can easily be deployed to workstations with very little user interaction, using intelligent defaults to configure the necessary services.

“Small businesses often have few to no IT personnel on staff to manage their computers, which makes even the smallest IT issues a business productivity impairment,” says Melanie Feeney, Product Manager for Workgroup at Novell. “That’s where Deep Freeze’s ability to eliminate workstation downtime by making computer configurations indestructible comes in.” Once Deep Freeze is installed on a workstation, any changes made to the computer—regardless of whether they are accidental or malicious—are never permanent. This ability to prevent configuration drift provides computers with immediate immunity from many of the problems that exist today—accidental system misconfiguration, malicious software activity, and incidental system degradation.

“The fact that Deep Freeze eliminates 90% of the computing issues that users face makes it perfect for the small businesses market,” says Dmitry Shesterin, Vice President of Marketing for Faronics. “Thanks to this technological alliance between Faronics and Novell, Deep Freeze can easily be added to any Open Workgroup Suite end-point—Windows, Mac, or Linux.”

Faronics Deep Freeze was recently showcased in a recent report by Gartner Research titled “Toolkit Best Practice: Improving PC Update Success Rates”. In the report, Terrence Cosgrove, industry analyst for Gartner states “A high success rate for software updates is vital to an organization’s ability to continue effective and efficient IT operations. Tools that can detect and repair configuration drift offer a way to improve the success rate for desktop updates.”

A free, fully functional evaluation version of Deep Freeze can be downloaded from www.faronics.com for the Windows, Mac, and Linux operating systems.

About Faronics

Faronics delivers software solutions that help manage, simplify, and secure desktop computers. Our software focuses on solving real world computing problems that threaten user productivity, system integrity, and organizational efficiency. Recognized as a global leader in system control solutions, our customers include educational institutions, healthcare facilities, libraries, government organizations, and corporations in over fifty countries worldwide.

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